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SUBJECT:VISIT OF NRC COMMISSIONER KENNEDY

1. DURING LATE 1976 AND EARLY 1977, DEPT AND OTHER WASH-
INGTON AGENCIES BRIEFED NRC COMMISSIONERS, INCLUDING KEN-
NEDY, ON A HIGHLY RESTRICTED AND CANDID BASIS CONCERNING
ROC NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS. THE FINDINGS OF THE U.S. NU-
CLEAR TEAM THAT VISITED TAIPEI IN JANUARY 1977 AND THE
SECRET NUCLEAR AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN THE SPRING OF 1977
WERE DESCRIBED ORALLY AND THE TEXT OF THE SIX MAIN POINTS
OF THAT AGREEMENT WERE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSIONERS IN
WRITTEN FORM. ADDITIONALLY, IN PRE-TRIP BRIEFING ON
MARCH 6, DEPT ORALLY DESCRIBED THE CURRENT STATE OF FOLLOW-
ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ROC ON TRR RELATED ISSUES, IN-
CLUDING OUR DEMARCHE TO THE ROC IN DECEMBER AND THE ROC'S
RESPONSE. MARCH 6 BRIEFING SESSION TOUCHED ON INTELLIGENCE
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QUESTIONS IN ONLY MOST GENERAL TERMS. THROUGHOUT, KENNEDY HAS
CONSCIENTIOUSLY RESPECTED CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.

2. NRC STAFFERS LA FLUER AND STAFFORD DO NOT HAVE SPECIAL
SECURITY CLEARANCES AND WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE 1976-77
BRIEFINGS SESSIONS. THEY ARE HOWEVER GENERALLY AWARE OF
PAST DEVELOPMENTS AND DID ATTEND MARCH 6 BRIEFING.

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3. SUGGEST EMBASSY FOLLOW SAME APPROACH DURING VISIT.
HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATTERS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED ONLY WITH
KENNEDY. VANCE

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